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Regional Director's Report for February 14, 2013

Regional Updates:

Fiscal Year 2014 Grant Agreements and Renewal

- Please refer to Attachment #4A.
- During the regional council approval of the Fiscal Year 2014 Funding Plan, the Regional council approved the strategies, the target service unit, the funding level and the funding mechanism.

Fiscal Year 2013 Expenditure Report

- Please refer to Attachment #4B.

Quarter 2 Narrative Report Summary

- Please refer to Attachment #4C.

Regional Needs and Assets 2012

- Regional Council members and Regional Director continue working with Tribal staff to have Tribal Council approval to conduct the data collection for the 2012 Needs & Assets.

Coordination & Communications

- Provided Outreach Materials to the Tribal Community Library & Resource Center. The Tribal Library staff sent us an invitation to participate at "El Día de los Niños" Event at the Head Start on April 27th from 10am to 12pm.
- Regional Director attended a Professional Development Site Visit to a Child Care Home Provider. This visit was part of the Professional Development strategy implementation on the reservation.
- Regional Director attended the Social Services Oversight Committee Meeting on February 4th.
- Regional Council members and Regional Director requested a meeting with Tribal Council. This meeting is scheduled for February 14th at 2pm at the Tribal Chambers.

Regional Council Recruitment

- Regional Council members and FTF staff continue providing FTF information and inviting tribal staff and community members to apply for the two Regional Council seats: School Administrator and Faith-Based.

Statewide Updates:

First Things First State Board Meeting

- Please refer to Attachment #4D.
- **Fiscal Year 2014 Regional Funding Plans:** The First Things First Board approved regional funding plans representing a \$155 million investment in young kids during fiscal year 2014.
- **Research and Evaluation national Advisory Panel:** The First Things First Board approved the members of the FTF Early Childhood Research and Evaluation National Advisory Panel. The purpose of this advisory panel is to provide oversight and ensure transparency of FTF's overall research and evaluation approach by:
 - Reviewing FTF research and evaluation activities, annually, to ensure alignment with recommendations of the national panel and quality standards.
 - Overseeing and critiquing approaches for planned research and evaluation activities, e.g. longitudinal data system, Quality First study.
 - Ensuring FTF undertakes high quality planning, coordination, and implementation of all research and evaluation activities.

Regional Boundary Taskforce

- The next meeting of the Regional Boundary Taskforce is scheduled for February 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the City of Tucson's Sentinel Building, Rillito and Sabino Rooms, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop.

- Regional considerations under discussion are whether to continue three Pima county regions or to consolidate North Pima and Central Pima into one region and whether to move certain zip codes from one region to another.

Upcoming Events:

- **February 19:** Regional Boundaries Taskforce meeting, City of Tucson's Sentinel Building, Rillito and Sabino Rooms, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop, Tucson.
- **February 28** – Southeast Area Regional Grantee Coordination meeting, time in a.m. and location to be determined.
- **March 6 (10 a.m. to 12p.m.)** - Southeast Area Regional Councils present to FTF Board Fiscal Year 2014 Regional Funding Plans and dialog with members of the FTF Board. Catholic Community Services-Board Room, 140 W. Speedway Blvd. Tucson.
- **March 9-10:** Tucson Festival of Books, University of Arizona, Tucson.